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We are now ready with a large line of stylish, well-made

ALL-WOOL SUITS,
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A CHOICE LINE OF
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FOR YOUTHS AND BOYS,
From the cheapest to the best.

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J. R. RACE & CO.
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SUPPLIES
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SEWING MACHINE
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SMITH, HALDEMAN & CHANDLER'S
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It is **WATER-PROOF.**
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It is more durable than tin or slate, and cheaper than either. It is suitable for any style of building.
MANUFACTURED AT THE
Corner of Water and Cerro Gordo Streets,
Where orders will be received and promptly executed by
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Greenhouses on Cemetery St.
All kinds of Seasonable Flowering and Foliage Plants on hand at all times.
BOUQUETS made on short notice.
CUT FLOWERS arranged in any form.
FLORAL DESIGNS furnished on order, and
FOLIAGE BEDS made for patrons without extra charge. Come and see me.
N. BOMMERSBACH.
May 10--dlmo

D. C. CORLEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
AND NOTARY PUBLIC.
Office over Keeler's Hat Store, East Main St.,
Decatur, Illinois. Will give strict attention to business.
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RADCLIFF & BULLARD, Successors to E. S. AUSTIN & CO.



UNDERTAKERS!
And dealers in all kinds of
Wood, Metallic Coffins and Caskets.
Prices ranging from the cheapest to the most expensive. Also
FULL CLOTH COVERED CASKETS OF SOLID WALNUT.
For the use of the small white Horse in the city, only \$2.00. We guarantee satisfaction, and to be fully convinced, is to give us a call.
Stand--Southwest Corner Old Square,
Decatur, Illinois.
PALACE HOTEL,
N. LAUX, Proprietor,
South Main St., corner of Wood, Decatur, Ill.
\$2.00 per day. Livery stable in connection with house. -Carriages furnished at all hours.
Feb. 9, 1882--d&wtf

A Horrible Record of Crime.

The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in its last annual report, gives some growing details of the condition in which many children were found during the year. The following are a few specimens taken from the report:

A little girl but four years old was rescued from a saloon-keeper who was selling to her a bottle of rum, and the precocious little toper was placed in a home for children.

Thomas Smith, father of a little boy fifteen years old, was arrested by the Society, fined and imprisoned for compelling his son to be a contestant in a walking-match, at the American Institute Building, where one hundred miles were made in twenty-four hours, and where the little fellow fainted long before the task could be completed.

At No. 355 Eleventh avenue, officers of the Society found Michael and Alice McKendra both drunk and surrounded by three children. The rooms they occupied were reeking with dirt, vermin and horrible stenches. The only article of furniture was a mattress spread upon the floor. The children, aged six years, two and a half years and six months, were wallowing in vomits and excrements, and were all starving. The little child of two and a half years was totally blind. The baby shortly died, the other two were cared for in public institutions, and the unnatural parents were sent six months to the Penitentiary.

The Society rescued a little girl only eight years old, whom a man named Geo. Walker was in the act of abducting. The girl was restored to her parents, and the kidnapper punished.

Four children, Mamie, John, William and James, aged respectively thirteen, ten, seven and six years, were rescued from their parents, Thomas and Catherine Wilson, who occupied a hut in a New York locality known as "Hell's Kitchen," and who have since been sent to the Penitentiary for highway robbery. The interior of the hut was a counterpart of old Fagin's quarters, and the children were being subjected to the same training that young Oliver received. They were sent to the New York Catholic Protector.

John, Ross and Peter, all under seven years of age, were taken from their parents, Patrick and Maria Boylan, at 353 West Fifth street, and were comfortably housed in an Asylum. They were all naked and were found crawling in a corner to escape the blows of their father and mother, both of whom were in a beastly state of intoxication. Patrick and Maria were committed. Numerous other cases are detailed in the report. One where a little girl only nine years of age was rescued from a man who had attempted to outrage her; another in which a little girl was delivered from a father attempting an unnatural crime, and still another in which was saved a little motherless boy named Huxley, compelled by his father to sleep through December in an open cellar on Twelfth street, where his ears and hands were frozen, and where he was frequently bitten by the rats. It is of little consequence in whose name the Society does this humane work. It is of little consequence what the motive that prompts it. So long as the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, and those who perpetrate the inhumanity are punished, so long ought the Humane Society to be encouraged and sustained.

A Soldier's Daughter.

Indianapolis has had a romance in real life that is a wide departure from the ordinary line. During the war a little girl, the daughter of an Indiana soldier who fell in battle, was placed in a Soldiers' Orphan Home. There she became the friend and confidant of the daughter of the superintendent, but in the course of time was transferred to another institution and lost trace of her friend and also of her mother. When about seventeen years of age she went to live with a family, who gave her a pleasant home. Among the members of the family was a young man of good address, who fell in love with the girl and the end was her disgrace. Leaving her home she found her way to the Home for Friendless Women in Indianapolis, a place where she was transferred to the City Hospital, where her babe was born. Some weeks later, a lady visitor to the hospital sprang toward the girl, now an invalid, with a cry of recognition. She was the old friend and confidant of the Soldiers' Home, and through her efforts the girl's mother was found and mother and daughter united. Then came the lover, and they were married. A few hours after her marriage, the young wife died.

CHICAGO waited three years to try a man for murdering a policeman, and then found him innocent. She might have known from the first that the officer fell down and killed himself while walking in his sleep.

Macaroni.

Once upon a time a wealthy Palermitan noble owned a cook gifted by nature with an inventive genius. One day, in a rupture of culinary capriciousness, this great artist devised the farinaceous tubes called "macaroni," which all love so well, and the succulent accessories of rich sauce and grated parmesan, familiar to those who have partaken of "macaroni al sugo" in Southern Italy. Having filled a mighty china bowl with this delicious compound, he set it before his lord--a gourmet of the first water--and stood by to watch the effect of his experiment. The first mouthful elicited the ejaculations "Cari!" "Excellent!" equivalent to "excellent" in English, followed by a second modicum he exclaimed, "Ma Cari!" or "Excellent indeed!" Presently, as the flavor of the toothsome mess grew upon him, his enthusiasm grew to even higher flights, and he cried out, in a voice tremulous with joyful emotion, "Ma caroni!" "Indeed, most supremely, most sublimely and superlatively excellent!" In paying this verbal tribute to the merits of his cook's discovery he unwittingly betrayed a name upon that admirable preparation, which he struck to it ever since, says the London Telegraph.

A DRUNKEN man lay half a day in a gutter unharmed in Springfield, Mass., because his big dog stood guard over him, growling and barking at everybody who came near.

THE new combination of Smart Weed and Belladonna, as used in Carter's Backache Plasters has proved to be one of the best that could be made. Try one of these popular plasters in any case of weak or lame back, backache, rheumatism, neuralgia, soreness of the chest or lungs, etc., and you will be surprised and pleased by the prompt relief. In bad cases of chronic dyspepsia, a plaster over the pit of the stomach stops the pain at once. Ask for Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plaster. Price 25 cents. Sold in Decatur by Hubbard & Swearingen.

Do not fail to see those fine Kitt Suits just received at Decatur's One Price Clothing and Merchant Tailoring House, corner of Old Square.
April 20--d&wtf

A Workingman Among Savages.

We will suppose a race of unwarlike savages, living on an island where loaves and roast mutton grew upon all the trees, and where the climate was so delightful that there was need for neither roof nor clothing. Under such conditions civilization would be impossible. Conditions somewhat similar actually do exist, and under these civilization is impossible. The reason is plain. We have said that the people are savages--that is, they are motivated by those wants only which are inseparable from all animal life. They are motivated by the want to eat and the want to reproduce their species. Both these they can satisfy with next to no labor; at all events, there is no place for effort, and thus most of their life consists of a painless leisure. Nevertheless, they do not employ this leisure in producing luxuries that shall supplement their necessities. Labor is impossible to them. They are no more capable of producing wealth than they would be had they neither hands nor muscles. Their island is rich, we will suppose, in coal and in metals; but they sink no shafts, build no furnaces, smelt no iron. And why? There is no want to compel them to do so. A man who is always sure of sufficient to eat, who suffers nothing for want of either shelter or clothing, who has never seen or heard of wealth, or dreamed of the attractions it might hold out to him--such a man will be incapable of any painful exertion, he will be incapable of raising himself, and so will a nation of such men. Let us suppose, however, that a stranger arrives to our island, who contrives by some means or other to possess himself of all the bread and of all the legs of mutton, and, withdrawing them for a single day, makes the people feel the pangs of hunger. In a single day energy is created. The thing that was not, is. Now we have arms and hands and intelligence, endowed on a sudden with power as well as with want, we are made and partly informed by the intelligence of him who can give or withhold food. Now the helpless, indolent, nerveless savages become strong, industrious men. They have been transfigured and made different beings by this single agency--the prospect of having their want satisfied. Thus they are perfectly pliant to their despot's will--the will of the man who is the irresponsible dispenser of food. He sets them first to one labor, then to another; he teaches them various arts, and, as a way of reward, he gives and paltry baubles for him, and filled with furniture and all manner of luxuries; his food is served up to him in new and delicate ways; he is waited upon by a retinue of servants. What then has happened to the community? It is a very simple thing. It is that a very rich man in it; all the rest are poor. But is it poorer than it was originally? In no way. The people originally had as much food as they could eat. That was their only riches. They have as much food now. The only difference is that a few of them are rich, and they are forced to employ the time they once wasted--Malloch, in Contemporary Review.

Defense of Animals.

Mr. Arthur Stradling publishes the following note on the habits of animals and defensive habits of animals: A serpent's first instinctive impulse of self-preservation, like that of every other animal, lies in escape. If surprised suddenly, or brought to bay at close quarters, it may be too terror-stricken to attempt flight; then it bites, following a curious general rule which seems to obtain throughout nearly the whole animal world, no matter what the natural methods of offense may be. Young Felidae will keep their talons sheathed until they have exerted all possible force with their soft milk-teeth, and a lizard will seize the hand which restrains it with its insignificant little jaws when its tail or claws might inflict far more injury. The Boidae never use their constrictive power as a self-defense unless they are gripped, and it seems probable that if a venomous snake's fangs lay in its tail it would use its teeth first when attacked before bringing them into play. Indeed, it must be remembered that very few animals are provided with exclusive defensive weapons, and that the python's enormous strength in constriction, the viper's poison apparatus and the electric discharge of the gymnotus are given them primarily for the purpose of securing their food.

"MOTHER," said little Ned, one morning, after having fallen out of bed, "I think I know why I fell out of bed last night. It was because I slept too near where I got in." Musing a little while, as it is doubt whether he had given the right explanation, added: "No, that wasn't the reason; it was because I slept too near where I fell out."

BUY your CLOTHING where they have the best assortment and LOWEST PRICES, at Cheap Charley's Renowned ONE PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE, mill-d&wtf

C. F. Bachman & Bro
If you wish to get value received call on C. F. Bachman & Bro. They keep a full line of Best Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Book Cases, Mattresses, Spring Beds, Chairs, etc. Also the celebrated Superior Cook Stove, the best in the world; every stove fully guaranteed. Remember the sign and give them a call. Sign of the Big Elephant, south of the Park.
April 7--d&wtf

SHELLABARGER'S Patent Process Flour retains all the nourishment contained in the wheat. None of its virtues are wasted. Try it.
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THEY have come! the finest line of kilt suits ever seen in Decatur, at the Four for One Price Clothing and Merchant Tailoring House, corner of Old Square.
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See the grand display of Spring and Summer Clothing at
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CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

The style for pants are tight and devoid of spring, but Fleury, the French Cutter, puts them up to order to suit the customers, and guarantees a fit and satisfaction.
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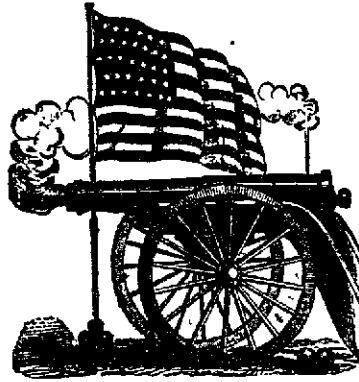
If you want to see ALL the LATEST STYLES in STRAW and FUR HATS, Cheap Charley's is the place to find them.
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Our stock of SPRING and SUMMER CLOTHING is complete in all departments, and the largest of its kind in the west.
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CHEAP CHARLEY.

Men's fine low shoes, all styles, at
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BACHMAN & BACHMAN'S
WALKING SHOES for \$1.00 at Barber & Baker's.
April 15--d&wtf

THE great all wool Cassimere Suits at B. Stine's, the Boss Clothier.
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WHERE you buy your CLOTHING of CHEAP CHARLEY, you pay only manufacturers' prices.
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It requires no guns loaded with wind and puff balls to convey the fact to the people of Decatur and 25 to 50 miles around, that



B. STINE, THE BOSS CLOTHIER,

Carries the Largest, Best Selected Stock of
SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING!

For Men, Youths, Boys and Children.

This truth can be easily established by a mere glance over our Shelves and Counters.

150 feet of store-room by 22, up-stairs and down, is necessary to place this IMMENSE STOCK. Both stores connected by a Spiral Stair Case.

With all the blowing and puffing indulged in by our would-be competitors, it remains an indisputable fact well known to every resident in Decatur, that the increase in our trade from year to year has made it necessary to Enlarge our Store, and at present we occupy more space than any Clothing House in Decatur.

To Our Friends and Customers We would Say
Please look through the stocks of our competitors, see us before you buy, and we will abide by your judgment.

B. STINE, THE "BOSS" CLOTHIER.

April 26, 1882--d&w



WOODEN WEDDING!

This means the Fifth Anniversary of

"CHEAP CHARLEY"

UNITING HIMSELF WITH THE WELFARE OF DECATUR.
As a reminder, we have received from our Factory in Chicago SOME IMMENSE LARGE WOODEN BOXES containing

**THE FIRST SHIPMENT
SPRING STOCK!**

Since our coming to Decatur our principal aim was to make friends by treating others as we wanted to be treated ourselves. We have succeeded, and will continue in the future, as in the past, to be worthy of the patronage bestowed upon us for the last five years.

MANUFACTURING OUR OWN GOODS
We have facilities WHICH CANNOT BE OVERCOME BY ANY COMPETITOR, and now with standing all contradiction by our opposition.

We Stand at the Head of the Clothing Trade

For GOOD QUALITY, STYLE, FIT AND LOW PRICES!

Our Hat and Cap, as well as Gents' Furnishing Goods Department, is complete.

CHEAP CHARLEY.

"CHEAP CHARLEY" THE "Poor Man's Friend"

Not wealth, nor birth, nor rank nor color, But GET RIGHT UP AND OUT that makes men great.

KAUFMANN & BACHRACH
Manufacturers of
MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!
Goods for Men's Wear
Our Hat Main & Water Sts.
DECATUR.
Factory--Chicago, Illinois.

Owing to the rains of the past week, preventing country people from coming to town, and wanting to give them an equal chance with city trade, we have decided to continue our sales of

"DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINES AT COST!

UNTIL THE 25th. Remember that now is your time to buy a **FIRST CLASS Sewing Machine** cheaper than you ever will again. Stock on hand is small. First come, first served.

J. T. HAND & CO.,

Agents "LIGHT RUNNING DOMESTIC."

May 15-dlmo

WE HAVE NOW FINISHED THE REFITTING OF OUR STORE.

OUR STOCK OF—
**WATCHES,
CLOCKS,
SILVERWARE,
FORKS, SPOONS, KNIVES, CARVING SETS,
JEWELRY of All Kinds,
—AND—
DIAMONDS!**
IS LARGER THAN EVER.

The new Show Cases give us a chance to place on display a great many goods heretofore kept in the safe. It makes no difference what you may want in our line, we show three times the quantity you can find in town, and offer you prices lower than can be offered by any smaller dealers.

**COME IN AND SEE OUR DISPLAY
AND GET OUR PRICES.**

It will cost you nothing to look, and if our LOW PRICES DON'T SELL YOU THE GOODS WE WILL NOT TEAR YOUR CLOTHES.

NO GOODS SOLD THAT WE CANNOT WARRANT.

—We will keep up—

Our Special Drive on Watches!

That is a department of our business where we can

Save You From 15 to 25 Per Cent.,

And give you your choice between

**ROCKFORD, WALTHAM,
ELGIN, HAMPDEN,
SPRINGFIELD, HOWARD,**

—As well as the—

Fine Swiss and Imported Goods.

We are not compelled to talk any particular make of Watch, because it is the only kind we carry, for we CARRY THEM ALL.

O. E. CURTIS & CO.
LEADING JEWELERS.

May 9—d&wt

ABEL & LOCKE

Are receiving Cartons of

SELECT PATTERNS. ELEGANT STYLES.

WALLPAPER.

RICH COLORINGS. DURABLE QUALITY.

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—AND—
CURTAINS.

Which are being sold at a GREAT BARGAIN.

An Absolute Fact.

You can buy Dress Goods of S. G. Hatch & Bro. cheaper than any other House in this city.

You can buy Table Linens, Towels, Turkey Reds, Napkins, Crashes, &c., cheaper than elsewhere.

You can buy Cottonades, Cheviots, Jeans, Tweeds, &c., cheaper than you ever saw them.

A special offering of Kentucky Jeans at much less than value.

Special prices on Millinery, Ribbons, Laces, Trimmed and Untrimmed Bonnets and Hats. Now is the best time to buy.

Inspection solicited.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

May 17—d&wt

NO 10 MERCHANT STREET.

D. F. Hamsher,

—DEALER IN—

**BUGGIES,
PHAEONS, SPRING WAGONS, ETC.,**

And the Manufacturer of the Celebrated

HAMSHER IRON FELLOE FARM WAGON.

You are cordially invited to visit his Factory at any time, and to examine his stock of

BUGGIES, FARM AND SPRING WAGONS.

He guarantees to give you the fullest satisfaction, both as to style and quality of work and price.

Factory on Wood street, between South Main and South Water streets.



The Daily Republican.

TERMS.

Per week, payable to Carrier, \$15.00.
One year, in advance, \$7.50.
Six Months, " " 4.00.
Three Months, " " 2.25.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 1892.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The largest assortment of Lawn Vases in the city at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.
Circus next Monday.
The \$10 Suits at Stine's. MS-dit
Circus next Monday.
No more rain threatened at present.
DECATUR will observe Decoration Day.
The criminals will receive attention in court this week.
The grand jury resumed business this afternoon.

The Chattanooga Circle will meet at the residence of Dr. Wainston this evening.
Ours week from to-morrow will be Memorial Day.

No tariff necessary to sell Stines all wool \$10 Suits. MS-dit
Siddall & Co. roast their own coffee at the Red Front.

The Wilson property on West Prairie street is valued at \$5,500.
Get beautiful and serviceable matting at Abel & Locke's.

Lots on South Macon street are valued at \$20 a front foot.
GREAT REDUCTION in canned goods at 22-26
YOUNG BROS.

All first-class dealers sell Schroeder's famous Bohemian cigars—a nickel each.
The Decatur cigar makers get \$8 per thousand for making cigars.

The Niantic coal shaft is over 300 feet deep.
Two buggies and carriages were out in large numbers Sunday afternoon.

The popular suits of the season, Stine's \$10 Suits. MS-dit
The mortality among the veterans is becoming quite noticeable of late in this section.

See the new goods and low prices at the big store of L. L. FERRIS & Co. May 20-dit
A FULL attendance of the membership is requested at the regular meeting of the Good Templars to-night.

"John Law's free gift enterprise" seems to "catch on" right nicely. "This well. That cooler of water is real handy."

Next fall another batch of new residences will be built on the west side of Cemetery street.

The next annual meeting of the Art Union will be held at Jacksonville, the "Athens of the west," so called.

The only latest styles in Decatur of men's low shoes are at
May 20-dit L. L. FERRIS & Co's.

Those Domestic sewing machines at J. T. Hand & Co's are still selling at first cost. See them, and you will buy.

CALL at Niedermeyer's, on the Monnal, for good groceries and vegetables in season.

CALL and see the new upholstery at Bachman's Furniture House.
April 24-dit

New styles of oil cloth and rugs and mats, in great variety, on sale at Abel & Locke's.

TAKE dinner at the Palace Hotel. It is one of the most homelike hostleries in Decatur.

ESPECIALLY adapted for mechanics and workmen—the \$10 all wool Suits at Stine's. MS-dit

TUESDAY, May 30, the Lincoln Reds and the Decatur Red Stockings will play a matched game of base ball in this city. The game will commence at 2:30 p. m.

This evening Mr. M. Troutman will commence making brick on the county poor farm. The work on the new buildings will be commenced in a short time.

The celebrated Haines Bros. pianos, great favorites everywhere, are sold only in Decatur by C. B. Prescott, at 51 Opera block.

MR. ROBERTS was the leader at the Y. M. C. A. Chapel yesterday afternoon; Miss Louise Clark, organist. "Acquaintance with Christ" was the theme.

The attendance at the Baptist Sunday school yesterday morning was 190. Mr. F. W. Anderson is the superintendent; Mr. Z. T. Humbley, chorister; Miss Jennie Randolph, organist.

The services at the funeral of the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dick on Sunday afternoon were conducted by Elder John W. Tyler. The attendance of friends was large.

The Brett Brothers, who are the couple with the Decatur Rescues, are lighting on making quick connections. They don't lose a second, and get the nozzle on like a flash.

Go to Peter Ulrich's and get a bar of that Magnetic Soap; no washboard or boiling of cloth necessary; washing done in one-half the time, and guaranteed not to injure the finest fabric. 13-dit

MR. DAVID A. BROCKWAY recently found a valuable and very handsome gold bracelet which the owner can recover by calling on him, describing the article, and paying for this notice.

LIZZIE BARTON, since her confinement in the stone part of the county jail, is reported as docile as the meekest lamb. She now has no opportunity whatever of effecting her escape.

This morning the criminal action brought against Charles Koehler was dismissed by Justice Curtis, on motion of the state's attorney. The accused was discharged.

On June 6th an election will be held for the selection of one member of the Decatur board of education to serve a term of three years. The polls will be open from 3 to 6 p. m. on the 6th, at the office of the county clerk.

SATURDAY evening Patrick Beardon graduated from the chain gang. He was immediately taken in charge by Sheriff Foster on a bench warrant, charging him with malicious mischief. He is now in the county jail.

The other day a Champagne county whiskey seller got a big dose of law. He had been indicted and convicted on 400 counts, and was sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail at Urbana for 70 days and to pay a fine of \$7,800. His name is Isaac Mitchell Daugherty. He kept a saloon at Seymour.

DICK PRYER, the photo artist, is making arrangements to enlarge his business facilities. A new skylight will be put in the forward part of his popular gallery, and when it is finished, and another camera placed in position, Dick will be ready to accommodate the biggest crowd that may swoop down upon him, even on circus days.

Several Decatur pulpits on Sunday were supplied by distinguished delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly at Springfield, and without exception all the churches were filled by large congregations morning and evening. At the Presbyterian church Rev. Robert Mackenzie, of San Francisco, Cal., was greeted by his old parishioners in such numbers that in order to accommodate the people chairs had to be placed in the aisles. At the morning hour he discussed the effect of the doctrine of the resurrection, and at night his subject was "Stepping Stones," both of which topics he handled in a masterly manner, gaining the undivided attention of his hearers to the close.

At Stapp's Chapel in the morning Dr. Crawford, of Topeka, Kansas, delivered an interesting discourse on "Influence," and at night Dr. Shaw, of Pennsylvania, occupied the pulpit.

At the First M. E. church at 10:30 a. m. Dr. Shaw delivered a logical and thoughtful sermon to young men. In the evening Dr. Crawford's discourse was devoted to spiritual growth among the churches of all denominations. The congregations at the two Methodist churches were unusually large.

There were two fine congregations at the Baptist church to hear sermons on "Christ" delivered by Rev. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church at Danville. Both discourses were clothed in beautiful and expressive words, and the thoughts presented engaged the closest attention of the people.

A Committee appointed to Make All Necessary Arrangements for the Observance of

A consultation of patriotic citizens was held in the Republican office this forenoon, when it was arranged that preliminary arrangements be made at once for a proper observance of Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30th. About all of our neighboring cities have made all needful preparations for remembering the fallen heroes, and Decatur will observe the day in a fitting manner. The following named gentlemen have been appointed to make all necessary arrangements: B. O. McReynolds, W. R. Abbott and W. J. Quinn. These gentlemen will select the order of the day, issue invitations to the local organizations to participate in the parade, and select gentlemen to assist them in preparing for memorial day.

The Circuit Court. Business in the Macon county circuit court was resumed this afternoon at 1:40 o'clock, Judge Smith presiding. The names of the jurors for the second and third weeks of the term were called by the clerk, and by request several persons who gave good reasons were excused by the Judge. One person's excuse was that he hadn't quite finished planting corn yet, and he'd like to be let off. The Judge replied: "Well, we've got to have some corn this year; you will be excused," and the farmer stepped away smiling. Cases on the criminal docket will receive attention during the next two weeks.

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